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The Concordia University Stingers, Quebec University Athletic Association champions and C.I.A.U. finalists last season, open the 1976-77 collegiate hockey season this weekend at the St. Francis Xavier Invitational Tournament in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. The Stingers, rated number-one in the country, in the Canadian College Hockey Yearbook's pre-season poll, will face the St. Mary's Huskies in Friday's opening round.

Following the Xavier Tourney, Concordia travels for two-game stints against Calgary, Alberta, St. Louis (Mo.) University, and plays single games against St. Lawrence University, Ottawa University, University of Vermont, Three Rivers and Clarkson College, before coming home to play the University of Quebec (Chicoutimi) on November 26th.

The highlight of the season, however, will be the three-week tour of Czechoslovakia in mid-December. Concordia, selected by the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union, will play six to eight games against top Czech junior and University teams.

The Stingers will return home to host the second annual Concordia Invitational Tournament. This year's slate will include the C.I.A.U. champion Toronto Blues, The Acadia Axemen and the Clarkson College Golden Knights.

Arsenault, last year's Coach of the Year, has lost several key players, most notably Jim Corsi, Mark Shewchuk, Dave Wilson, Ron Hansis and Don Morris. But a solid nucleus returning from last season include League All-Stars, John Harris, Bob Legarde, Dwight Mick, veteran Randy Mohns, Glen Tomalty, Gaetan Potvin, Ken Sinclair, Michel Blais, Brian Martin and goalie Alex Labelle, and promising newcomers such as goalies, Mike Griffin and Jean Milette, defencemen Dave Boyd and Tony McDowell and forwards Al Duncan, Kim Elliott and Mark Ferentino.